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Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated March 20, 2002 and in view of the telephone interview with Examiner Fredman on April 11, 2002 during which claim language was supplied by Examiner Fredman to obviate pending concerns.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 56, 66, 76, 83, 89, 91 and 92 as follows

56. (Thrice Amended) A molecular array for characterizing molecular interaction events, comprising:

- (a) a substrate; and
- (b) at least one discrete molecular deposition domain on said substrate wherein the spatial address of the domain is less than one micron in area and each domain includes a biologically or chemically based molecule deposited on the substrate at a pre-selected location.

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